

OER Annual Report 2020

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OER Council Memo to CCHE

MEMO

TO: Colorado Commission on Higher Education

FROM: CDHE OER Council

DATE: March 31, 2020

RE: Official Notice for Reallocation of OER Council Funds for 2020 Conference

The purpose of this memo is to encourage the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) to act to reallocate \$40,000 in funds to the Colorado Department of Higher Education's (CDHE) *No Lapse for Learning* initiative.

Since 2018, CDHE has been working to assist public higher education institutions in lowering learning material costs by developing and expanding the use of Open Educational Resources (OER) in tandem with the Colorado OER Council, pursuant to HB18-1331, a bill that created the statewide OER Council and grant program that was informed by a 2017 CDHE report.

The OER Council's report, submitted to the Joint Budget Committee (JBC) and Education Committee in November 2017, found increased adoption of freely available teaching and learning materials could significantly benefit students through cost savings, improved learning and higher student retention.

The OER Council budgeted \$40,000 for the 2020 Conference, set to take place June 4 and 5 at Colorado School of Mines. Due to the public health crisis facing Colorado and the United States, the OER Council has decided to postpone the annual OER Conference to October 2020.

Therefore, the OER Council would like to pledge \$40,000 to the No Lapse in Learning: Laptop Drive. Educators are charting new territory as our higher education institutions seek to deal with COVID-19 and we recognize that, while the transition to remote instruction may be necessary, our students are at risk of being left behind because they don't have access to the required technology. Providing access to technology, such as laptops and hotspots, is consistent with the objective of open educational resources: the cost of education should not be a barrier for students.

The OER Council strives to make education more accessible and equitable through freely available teaching and learning materials. While the Council's plans for the year have shifted due to the extreme circumstances, we are excited to support this program to ensure Colorado students continue to receive high quality education.



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Chair, CDHE OER Council

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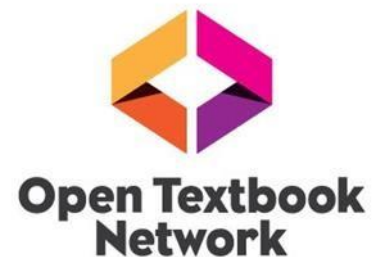


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Open Education Ambassadors Training Schedule



Colorado Open Education Ambassadors

Open Textbook Network

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October 18th, 2019
9am – 4pm

8.30am – 9am

Check-in and light breakfast

9am – 9.45am	Welcome; Introductions; Workshop Goals
9.45am – 10.30am	Identifying obstacles to open textbook adoptions
10.30am – 10.45am	What does a successful program look like?
10.45am – 11am	--Break--
11am – 11.30am	The Open Textbook Library in-depth
11.30am – 12.15pm	Workshop training on “Making the Case”
12.15pm – 1pm	Lunch
1pm – 2.15pm	Workshop training on student academic success and open
2.15pm – 2.30pm	--Break--
2.30pm – 3.30pm	Developing programs on your local campus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment • Strategies for addressing common challenges
3.30pm – 4pm	What do I do now? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop logistics • Communication
Presenters	<p>David Ernst, Ph.D. Graduate faculty and Chief Information Officer in the College of Education and Human Development at the University of Minnesota. David is the Director of the Center for Open Education and the Executive Director of the Open Textbook Network, which works to improve higher education through the advancement of open textbooks.</p> <p>Sarah Faye Cohen Sarah is a Managing Director of the Open Textbook Network. She earned her MS in Information Science at the University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign and is a graduate of Smith College. She is a two-time award winner of the Association of College and Research Libraries Excellence in Academic Libraries Award.</p>

Governor OE Week Proclamation



WHEREAS, containing costs for students in higher education is paramount to the Colorado Department of Higher Education (CDHE) and the State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, open educational resources, practices and philosophy have inspired educators to innovate by reinvigorating curricula, starting free textbook campaigns and more; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Colorado has issued the zero textbook cost challenge, aiming to save students money on course materials while recognizing outstanding work from Colorado educators; and

WHEREAS, expert educators from all disciplines demonstrate a willingness to continue to innovate their educational practices for the learning and financial benefit of the students; and

WHEREAS, OER and open education practices help educators redesign approaches to teaching through innovative methods, supporting the transformation of education for the future of teaching and learning; and

WHEREAS, the education community celebrates Open Education Week to raise awareness and showcase the impact of open education on teaching and learning worldwide;

THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, the period between March 2, 2020 and March 6, 2020, as

OPEN EDUCATION WEEK

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis".

Jared Polis
Governor



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the global
event



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Colorado, this second day of
March, 2020

Featured Events

Monday: *Beyond Free: Supporting Social Justice through Open Educational Practices*

Tuesday: *Colorado's Top 40: OER in Action*

Wednesday: *S'MOERS: Saving Money through Open Educational Resources*

Thursday: *Adventures in OER and Open Pedagogy*

Friday: *CogBooks: OER and Adaptive Learning Technology*

Open Education Week 2020

Join our great events this week!


Open Education Week is a celebration of the global Open Education Movement. Its goal is to raise awareness about the movement and its impact on teaching and learning worldwide.

Faculty, students, staff and OER advocates are celebrating by holding events at their campuses. See the **list of events below**, or email OER@dhe.state.co.us for more information!






OEWeek in Colorado: a comprehensive list of Colorado events!

Session Title or Event	Speaker/Facilitator	Description	Location or Link to Event	Contact for More Info
Monday, March 2nd				
<i>"Beyond Free: Supporting Social Justice through Open Educational Practices"</i>	Dr. Rajiv Jhangiani, Kwantlen Polytechnic University (speaker); Spencer Ellis (facilitator), Colorado Department of Higher Education; CU-System (facilitator)	 During this interactive online workshop, we will explore the impact of open educational practices on access, affordability, and innovation in higher education. We will consider how educators can move beyond merely making use of free resources to save students money to availing of the freedoms of open licensing to truly transform teaching and learning. Whether by adopting an open textbook or co-creating assessments with students via open pedagogy, whether as part of the Governor's ZTC challenge or in response to UNESCO's recent recommendation on open educational resources, this workshop will showcase a wide range of practices that support both equitable access and pedagogical innovation.	Link to live webinar: https://csuglobal.zoom.us/j/494440896 Time: 2PM - 3PM Mountain Time	OER@dhe.state.co.us






Tuesday, March 3rd

<i>"Colorado's Top 40: OER in Action"</i>	Brittany Dudek – Library Coordinator at CCCOnline; and Holly Stevens, Patron Accounts Specialist, UC Denver	 COLORADO COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM Come learn about Colorado's Top 40 -- a grant project providing curated OER content for Colorado Community College System's Top 40 Courses. Faculty, inside and outside of Colorado, can use this content to integrate OER into their curriculums, and libraries can utilize to build the foundation for their own OER programs!	Link to live webinar: https://csuglobal.zoom.us/j/147745921 Time: 11AM - 12PM Mountain Time	OER@dhe.state.co.us
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Wednesday, March 4th



<i>"S'MOERs: Saving Money through Open Education Resources"</i>	Colorado Student Government Coalition	 The Colorado Student Government Coalition is launching their S'MOERs campaign. They will engage their peers by handing out s'mores while raising awareness about textbook affordability and the role of OER.	Visit for more information of how to get involved: http://masterplan.highered.colorado.gov/smoers	Lobna Alsrraj Lobna.Alsrraj@dhe.state.co.us
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<i>"CU's OER Champions Lunch"</i>	CU-System	 University of Colorado <small>Boulder Colorado Springs Denver Anschutz Medical Campus</small> The University of Colorado System will be presenting its inaugural CU OER Champion awards to four campus faculty. Awardees will be honored at a luncheon and presented with a certificate, a digital badge, and a \$500 honorarium.	Invites Only	Jaimie Henthorn jaimie.henthorn@cu.edu
<i>"UNC All Things Open Campus Discussion: Open Educational Resource Grantee Panel:"</i>	Select UNC 2019 OER grantees share their experiences	 UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO Angela Steele (Senior Lecturer, Math) \$2,000 award recipient who transformed a course to all OER resources. Aaron Henrichsen (Assistant Professor, Finance) and Chelsie Romulo (Assistant Professor, Geography, GIS, & Sustainability) \$200 award stipend to review an open textbook.	Location: The University Center Time: 12:15 PM – 1:15 PM Mountain Time	Jen Mayer
Thursday, March 5 th				





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*“Adventures in
OER and Open
Pedagogy”*

Steve Krizman, Assistant
Professor, Journalism and
Media Production and
Emily Ragan, Associate
Professor, Chemistry and
Biochemistry

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MSU



Denver professors will share their adventures in using OER and broadening their pedagogical strategies in their courses. Professor Steve Krizman will share his experience using hypothesis to engage students in Public Relations Research and Planning. Dr. Emily Ragan will share her experience iteratively developing a course-based undergraduate research experience (CURE) in Biochemistry II, an experience that has broadened the scope and student experience of the course. The materials she developed for the CURE are openly licensed and freely available.

Location:
SSB 211 at MSU Denver

Link to Live Webinar
<https://csuglobal.zoom.us/j/699754652>

Time:
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM Mountain
Time




Emily Ragan
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<i>“Odigia: Improving Outcomes, Engagement, and Affordability with OER”</i>	The CU-System will be facilitating a live webinar with Odigia	 University of Colorado <small>Boulder Colorado Springs Denver Anschutz Medical Campus</small> Improve student engagement and outcomes with an ongoing cycle of learning and assessment, celebrating small wins along the way with positive real-time feedback. Join us to see how Odigia improves student outcomes and affordability with easy-to-use and easy-to-customize OER courseware and assessments.	Link: https://zoom.us/j/431739876 Time: 10 AM – 11 AM Mountain Time	Jaimie Henthorn jaimie.henthorn@cu.edu
Friday, March 6th				
<i>“CogBooks: OER and Adaptive Learning Technology”</i>	The CU-System will be facilitating a live webinar with CogBooks	 University of Colorado <small>Boulder Colorado Springs Denver Anschutz Medical Campus</small> Enhance the teaching and learning impact of OER with adaptive learning courseware. CogBooks, the market leader in adaptive learning technology, will demonstrate how you can adopt ready-made courseware built with OER or partner to develop your own adaptive course using OER materials. CogBooks courses have been shown to improve student success, engagement and retention.	Link: https://zoom.us/j/731979517 Time: 10 AM – 11 AM Mountain Time	Jaimie Henthorn jaimie.henthorn@cu.edu
<i>“CSGC presentation at the CCHE Meeting”</i>	Colorado Commission on Higher Education	The  <small>Colorado Student Government Coalition</small> Colorado Student Government Coalition will be presenting at the CCHE meeting on topics of interest including their dedication for OER. For more info: https://highered.colorado.gov/CCHE/Meetings/	Call-In Number: 1-877-820-7831 Participant Code: 128479# Location: TBD	OER@dhe.state.co.us



Ongoing Open Education Week Events

<i>RSVP for the <u>OER Conference</u> June 4th and 5th</i>	This spring, the Colorado Department of Higher Education will host the Statewide Colorado OER Conference to explore best practices in adoption and adaptation.	RSVP here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfXvsYoNpMFZvg0bBYKN8VXtzDFfFV33hj9y0dlfMB5Ma5lEw/viewform
<i>Submit an <u>OER Conference</u> session proposal</i>	Are you a faculty member or a librarian who would like to showcase your OER work in the state? Submit content for a creative, educational, engaging session!	Submit a proposal here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdwISkc9a3995Em82uINd2iILDy7NSgFkJQy5xtee5Hn6c7zA/viewform
<i>Nominate faculty, staff, and institutions for the ZTC Challenge</i>	Get involved Governor Polis' Zero Textbook Challenge no matter where you are in your OER journey! The Governor will recognize outstanding ZTC faculty, staff and programs at Colorado's 2020 OER Conference June 4-5. Nominate outstanding colleagues, programs, and work being done in your region.	To nominate: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdTeeFfeLvOzc4NRHjGFR5_AfcsH08YeVvy_qJCISVPRPCyHw/viewform For more information: http://masterplan.highered.colorado.gov/governor-polis-ztc-challenge/
<i>Join the OER meme contest</i>	Got jokes? Submit your funniest OER meme for a chance to win prizes and be featured on CDHE's Twitter. Winners will be contacted March 13th.	Submit a meme here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSci28hbKPAwCfFJiu1ion2JrnYQaip7oOMJ8XpZ-rqndSIbg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1





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Speaker: Dr. Rajiv Jhangiani, discussion facilitation by Spencer Ellis



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recent recommendation on open educational resources, this workshop will showcase a wide range of practices that support both equitable access and pedagogical innovation.

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Tuesday

11:00am – 12:00pm

“Colorado’s Top 40: OER in Action”

Speakers: Brittany Dudek (CCCOOnline) and Holly Stevens, (UC Denver)



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University of Colorado **Denver**



Description: Come learn about Colorado’s Top 40 – a grant project which provides the curated OER content for the Colorado Community College System’s Top 40 Courses, and how faculty inside and outside of Colorado can use this content to take their course OER, and libraries can build the foundation for their own OER programs!

Attend remotely at: <https://csuglobal.zoom.us/j/147745921>



Wednesday

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Thursday

2:30pm – 3:30pm

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Speaker: Dr. Emily Ragan and Professor Steve Krizman



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Friday

10:00am – 11:00am

“CogBooks: OER and Adaptive Learning Technology”

Speaker: Facilitated by the CU-System



University of Colorado

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CogBooksTM

Description: Enhance the teaching and learning impact of OER with adaptive learning courseware. CogBooks, the market leader in adaptive learning technology, will demonstrate how you can adopt ready-made courseware built with OER or partner to develop your own adaptive course using OER materials. CogBooks courses have been shown to improve student success, engagement and retention.

Attend remotely at: <https://zoom.us/j/731979517>

Updated List of Open Education Ambassadors



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WoW Award Winners Press Release

Announcing 2019

WOW Award Winners

WCET Announces the 2019 WCET Outstanding Work



Award Winners

WCET is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2019 WCET Outstanding Work awards: the Colorado Department of Higher Education's OER Council, Granite State College, and Rio Salado College.

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Boulder, CO – Since 2004, WCET (the WICHE Cooperative for Educational Technologies) has presented the [WCET Outstanding Work \(WOW\) award](#) to colleges, universities, and organizations who implement exceptionally creative, technology-based solutions to contemporary challenges in higher education. The WOW awards help WCET meet its mission of promoting innovative and effective practice by providing exemplary programs as models for the higher education community to adapt for their own students and faculty.

The three 2019 WOW award recipients have all implemented solutions in areas shown to have impact on student success.

- **Colorado Department of Higher Education OER Council: OER Grant Program**
- **Granite State College: Distance-Based Teacher Preparation**
- **Rio Salado College: Dynamic Assessment Data Display**

“This year, like every year, judging the submissions for the WOW awards was a challenge.” Said Kara Monroe, the Provost and Senior Vice President of Ivy Tech Community College and the Chair of this year’s WOW Committee. “All of the submissions were outstanding. The selected

recipients represent a set of proposals that highlight true innovation in higher education and a commitment to student success.”

The WOW awardees will be recognized by WCET’s community of higher education innovators during the [2019 WCET Annual Meeting](#), November 5th through the 7th in Denver, CO.

The 2019 WOW Award winners:

Colorado Department of Higher Education OER Council: OER Grant Program



In Colorado today, more than 60 percent of students enrolled at public institutions graduate with debt. In order to address this issue, the State identified affordability, cost containment, and innovation as strategic goals. In 2017, the legislature created the Open Educational Resources (OER) Council to develop a foundation for institutions to leverage state resources and resident experts in pursuit of these goals. The outreach and grant initiatives the council has developed serve on-campus and online learners, as well as instructors and faculty who pursue innovative practices in teaching and learning.

The OER Council administers a statewide OER grant program, advises on OER policy, and fosters innovative OER practices at institutions across the state. Although in its early stages, the OER Council has already had a positive impact on Colorado and its postsecondary students. An OER study formed the groundwork for substantial legislative support; robust goals and a solid evaluation plan are shaping statewide outreach, events, and the grant program, and the work has inspired campus investments. The preliminary OER Council conducted a statewide OER awareness survey to inform recommendations for moving forward with a statewide OER initiative. Key goals and outcomes identified both by the OER Council and the Department include a positive return on the state’s investment of financial resources, including saving students money on course material costs, and adoption in high-enrollment, highcost, and gateway courses, or those with high drop/fail/withdraw rates. The work of the Colorado OER Council is a

significant contribution to the field of technology-enhanced higher education practice because its story is a true lesson in using civic engagement to innovate with OER. The work demonstrates the power of the community and what can be accomplished when an organized group of professionals enters into a project with determination, conviction, and sound data. The Colorado OER Council's contribution is of historic significance to the state--it represents a pivotal moment, when education technology's impact and potential for addressing specific issues such as affordability sets a precedent for higher education policy makers' approaches to advocating for state financial resources in trying times.

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